and to improve the service delivery system, for the rural population in the States of Assam, Karnataka and Rajasthan to achieve reduction in birth rate and maternal and infant mortality levels. The project provides for the construction, furnishing and equipping of rural health facilities like Sub- centres, Primary Health Centres, District and State Level Training Centres, Warehouses and upgradation of facilities of facilities. The project also provides for training health and family welfare services providers, IEC and innovative schemes. A proposal to enhance the cost of the project from Rs. 335.00 crores to Rs. 414.06 crores to facilitate completion of the project activities and to meet the escalated cost has been approved recently. The States are implementing the projects as per the revised approved costs.

Undue increments and pay protection to JNU employees

3497. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of HRD has allowed the JNU to grant undue increments to its employees from the year 1986 and protection of pay upto the maximum of grade and personal pay beyond that;

(b) if so, under which Government rule/policy; and

(c) if not, what action Government propose to recover the undue payment made to JNU employees?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) No undue benefit has been provided to the teaching employees of the University. However, with regard to the non-teaching staff, the University had approved second upward Movement Scheme and Personal Pay Scale Scheme on 12.7.1996 and 2.7.1997 respectively with the approval of their Executive Council and implemented with effect from 1.1.1996. However, the Government of India has allowed the revision of pay scales as per the recommendations of the 5th Pay Commission and as per the terms and conditions laid down by UGC only.

Merger of Mahila Samriddhi Yojana and Indira Mahila Yojana

3498. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two schemes viz. Mahila Samriddhi Yojana